

PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 142

HOUSE BILL NO. 1219

By Representatives McDonald, Maggart

Substituted for: Senate Bill No. 1850

By Senators Black, Woodson

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55, Chapter 4, relative to registration of trailers.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-4-111(a)(1), is amended by adding under the heading "Class (D)(i)" after the language "unless otherwise exempted in this section" the following language:

, and any privately owned trailer or semitrailer which is otherwise exempted, but the owner desires to be registered

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-4-111(c), is amended by deleting the subsection in its entirety and by substituting instead the following language:

(c)

(1) This section shall not apply to trailers:

(A) Owned by farmers and used for agricultural purposes or hauling livestock between farm and market; or

(B) Used for the transportation of boats or drawn by an automobile or truck, unless the owner desires to be registered; or

(C) Used in the furtherance of a business; or

(D) Which are truck trailers registered under § 55-4-113.

(2) This section shall apply to house trailers and rented trailers as herein defined and to any personal trailer, including a trailer used for the transportation of boats or other trailer or semitrailer drawn by an automobile, which is not required to be registered but which the owner desires to be registered.

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-4-211, is amended in subdivision (b)(2) by deleting the subdivision in its entirety and by substituting instead the following language:

(2) Such registration number shall consist of not less than three (3) nor more than seven (7) numbers, letters, positions or combination thereof for a passenger motor vehicle, truck of one-half ($\frac{1}{2}$) or three-quarter ($\frac{3}{4}$) ton rating or recreational vehicle or trailer or semitrailer which is not required to be registered but which the owner desires to be registered pursuant to § 55-4-111(c)(1), or, if authorized, not less than three (3) nor more than six (6) numbers, letters, positions or combination thereof for a motorcycle.

SECTION 4. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-4-209, is amended by adding the following language as a new, appropriately designated subdivision:

() "Personalized trailer plate" means a motor vehicle registration plate which is permitted, but not required, to be registered to a trailer or semitrailer which features on each individual plate not less than three (3) nor more than seven (7) identifying numbers, letters, positions or a combination thereof for a trailer or semitrailer, as requested by the owner or lessee of the trailer or semitrailer to which such plate is assigned;

SECTION 5. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-4-214, is amended by adding the following language as new subsection (c):

(c) Notwithstanding the provision of subsection (a), funds received from the sale of personalized trailer plates shall be earmarked as provided by this subsection. A general fund reserve is hereby established to be allocated by the general appropriations act, which shall be known as the "trailer license plate fund," hereafter referred to as the "fund". Moneys from the fund shall be expended to fund the development and maintenance of public horseback riding trails. Any revenues deposited in this reserve shall remain in the reserve until expended for purposes consistent with this section, and shall not revert to the general fund on any June 30. Any excess revenues shall not revert on any June 30, but shall remain available for appropriation in subsequent fiscal years. Any appropriation from such reserve shall not revert to the general fund on any June 30, but shall remain available for expenditure in subsequent fiscal years. No moneys shall be expended from the fund unless such funds are specifically appropriated by the general appropriations act.

SECTION 6. This act shall take effect July 1, 2007, the public welfare requiring it.

PASSED: April 25, 2007



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APPROVED this 10th day of May 2007



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